

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A digital multifunctional device 1 comprises an image reading unit 2, a hard disk 12, an image forming unit 6 and a device control unit 8. When there is input of a new image data through the image reading unit 2 while the device control unit 8 is invalidating a preceding image data stored in the hard disk 12, the invalidation by the device control unit 8 of the preceding image data in the hard disk 12 is interrupted, and the new image data being input is utilized to invalidate the preceding image data.